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West Nile Virus Update #6 **August 17, 2004**

Note to news editors and reporters: This is a weekly update of West Nile virus activity in North Dakota. Updates will be sent every Tuesday afternoon throughout the WNV season.

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health today reported three additional human cases of West Nile virus. This brings the statewide total to five humans and 61 birds identified with West Nile virus infection.

Two of the newly identified human cases were not hospitalized; one was hospitalized and released. One of the cases resides in Burleigh County and one in Stark County; the residency of the third is unknown at this time.

The following is a breakdown of the human cases statewide:

- Total human cases – 5
 - Total tests conducted – 745
 - Counties: Burleigh (2), Mercer (1), Stark (1), unknown residence (1)
- Gender
 - Female – 2
 - Male – 3
- Age ranges
 - Ages 20 to 29 – 1
 - Ages 30 to 39 – 2
 - Ages 40 to 49 – 1
 - Ages 50 to 59 – 1
- Currently hospitalized – 0

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The following is a summary of West Nile virus activity affecting birds, horses and mosquitoes:

- WNV-positive dead birds – 43
 - Total dead birds tested – 386
 - Counties: Bottineau, Bowman, Burleigh, Cass, Cavalier, Eddy, Grand Forks, Grant, McHenry, McLean, Morton, Mountrail, Nelson, Pierce, Ransom, Renville, Richland, Ward, Wells, and Williams
- WNV-positive live birds – 18
 - Total live birds tested – 430
 - Counties: Billings, Divide, Golden Valley, Grant, Griggs, and Hettinger
- WNV-positive horses – 0
 - Total horses tested – 42

For more information, including a fact sheet about personal protection recommendations, visit the North Dakota West Nile virus website at www.ndwnv.com.

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